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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, as a Gas  
Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and Provide  
Natural Gas Service to Certain Annexed Areas in the Village of  
McFarland, Dane County, Wisconsin

6680-CG-147

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,  
ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

<b>Prehearing Conference Date:</b>	<b>June 11, 2002 – 9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Conference Location:</b>	<b>Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI</b>

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the February 15, 2002, application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat., § 196.49, and Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 133, to provide gas service to certain annexed areas of the village of McFarland, Dane County, Wisconsin.

WPL is a public utility engaged in the business of providing natural gas public utility service to approximately 153,000 customers in the State of Wisconsin. WPL has been providing natural gas service to customers in the village of McFarland since 1962, under authority granted by the Commission in Docket No. CA-4068 on February 12, 1962.

WPL in this application seeks authority to provide natural gas service to portions of the village of McFarland that have been annexed from the town of Blooming Grove, Dane County.

Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE), in a letter filed with the Commission on March 26, 2002, objects to WPL's application. MGE also indicated that it expects to file a competing application for a portion of the service area sought by WPL.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on June 11, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is

available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The Administrative Law Judge shall use the prehearing conference to identify any parties who may propose competing applications for providing service in portions of the village of McFarland and establish a schedule for the submission of complete competing applications. If any competing applications are received, the Commission will process them concurrently with the application currently before it, docket 6680-CG-147, and follow the schedule established at this prehearing.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify any parties who will be filing applications competing with that of WPL for providing service in portions of the village of McFarland, (3) identify issues; (4) determine the date and time for a hearing; (5) specify dates for filing competing applications, testimony and exhibits; and (6) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices and activities of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Power and Light Company as a gas public utility, under § 196.85, Stats., and Chapter PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator John R. Vogt at (608) 267-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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